

**REMARKS**

This paper is filed in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 16, 2003. As this paper is filed on February 17, 2004 (February 16, 2004 being a federal holiday), the paper is timely filed.

In the Notice to File Missing Parts, it is noted that the application, as filed, included multiple dependent claims. Rather than paying the additional fees due for the multiple dependent claims, the applicant hereby cancels the multiple dependencies, and substitutes other dependencies. Claims 1-17 remain pending.

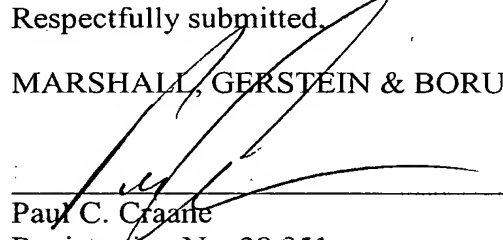
If there is any matter that the Examiner would like to discuss, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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